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International application No. PCT/IB2005/000479

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Box No. V Reasoned statement under Rule 43*bis*.1(a)(i) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

1. Statement

Novelty (N)

Yes: Claims

6-8,10-16,20-25

No: Claims 1-5,9,17-19

Inventive step (IS)

Yes: Claims

No:

Claims

1-25

Industrial applicability (IA)

Yes: Claims Claims 1-25

2. Citations and explanations

see separate sheet

Certain defects in the international application Box No. VII

The following defects in the form or contents of the international application have been noted:

see separate sheet

Re Item V

Reasoned statement with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

- 1 Reference is made to the following documents:
 - D1: GB-A-2 025 270 (CAPSUGEL AG) 23 January 1980 (1980-01-23)
 - D2: WO 95/34269 A (WARNER-LAMBERT COMPANY) 21 December 1995 (1995-12-21)
 - D3: US-A-4 466 844 (MACLAUGHLIN ET AL) 21 August 1984 (1984-08-21)
 - D4: EP-A-0 110 603 (WARNER-LAMBERT COMPANY) 13 June 1984 (1984-06-13)
 - D5: US-A-4 656 066 (WITTWER ET AL) 7 April 1987 (1987-04-07)
- 2 The present application does not meet the criteria of Article 33(1) PCT,
- 2.1 The document D1 (page 2, line 117 page line 7, fig. 1 3) discloses (the references in parentheses applying to this document):

A capsule filling machine for the production of sealed capsules of the type with lid (C) and body containing pharmaceutical material, the machine being of the type comprising a station (19) for feeding the capsule bodies and lids (C); a dosing station for filling a dose of the material into each capsule body; and a station (22) for closing the capsules by placing each lid (C) over the respective body so that their respective annular ends overlap, whereby between the dosing station and the closing station (22) there is at least one intermediate operating station (21) for applying a sealing substance in the vicinity of the ends.

Therefore, the subject-matter of claim 1 is not new in the sense of Article 33(2) PCT.

2.2 Document D1 also discloses a method including all the steps of claim 17. The same applies for documents D2 (page 11 - page 10, line 12, fig. 1 - 6) and D3 (column 2 - column 3, line 4, fig. 1 - 4). Therefore, the subject-matter of claim 17 is also not new in the sense of Article 33(2) PCT.

2.3 Dependent claims 1 to 16 and 18 to 25 do not contain any features which, in combination with the features of any claim to which they refer, meet the requirements of the PCT in respect of novelty and/or inventive step, the reasons being as follows:

Novelty:

D1, page 2, line 117 - page line 7, fig. 1 - 3; for claims 2 - 5, 9, 19
D2, page 11 - page 10, line 12, page 13, lines 14 - 28, fig. 1 - 6; for claim 18
D3, column 2 - column 3, line 4, fig. 1 - 4; for claim 18

Inventive step:

D2, page 13, lines 14 - 28, fig. 3; for claim 10 D4, page 2, lines 22 - 36, page 3, lines 19 - 24, page 5, lines 13, 14, fig. 1, 2; for claims 7, 8, 14 - 16, 20 - 24 D5, column 9, line 56 - column 10, line 25; fig. 4, 5; for claims 12, 13 and 25

The use of vacuum holders is common practice in the field (e.g. D2, page 1, lines 14 - 28). D4 (page 4, lines 7 - 23, fig 2) discloses an apparatus comprising means for holding capsules and a jet to direct a stream of sealing substance onto a rotating capsule. Consequently, claim 6 does not involve an inventive step.

The same vacuum holder, including rotation and vertical displacement, could be use to bring lid and body of the capsule together. This feature is merely one of several straightforward possibilities from which the skilled person would select, in accordance with circumstances, without the exercise of inventive skill, in order to close the capsule and spread the sealing substance over the surfaces of the two ends. Hence, no inventive step is present in the subject-matter of claim 11.

Remarks:

When entering the European Regional Phase the applicant should have in mind that the EPO cannot grant two patents to the same applicant for one invention. This application PCT/IB2005/000479 and application PCT/IB2005/00487, also from the same applicant, include some claims claiming the same subject-matter.

WRITTEN OPINION OF THE INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITY (SEPARATE SHEET)

International application No.

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Re Item VII

Certain defects in the international application

3 Contrary to the requirements of Rule 5.1(a)(ii) PCT, the relevant background art disclosed in the document D1 is not mentioned in the description, nor is this document identified therein.



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